

1 ***Regular/Special Meeting***  
2 ***Minutes for June 13, 2005***  
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4 *A Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County, New*  
5 *Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at 7:30pm*  
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7 ***Council Present:*** *Mayor Laurence Cherchi, Councilwoman Dwarica,*  
8 *Councilwoman Heveran, Councilman LaBianco, Councilwoman*  
9 *Mitrani, Councilman Puzzo, Council President Ryan,*  
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11 ***Council Absent:***  
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13 ***Also Present:*** *Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, David Russo, Borough Attorney*  
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15 Mayor Laurence Cherchi called the meeting to order.  
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17 Mayor Laurence Cherchi asked everyone to stand while Council President Ryan led in  
18 the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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20 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**  
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22 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin  
23 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.  
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25 **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**  
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27 Barnett Silverstein 359 Glenwood Avenue – Mr. Silverstein reported that he saw at least  
28 ten fire department vehicles in the Memorial Day Parade and asked if five or six could be  
29 traded in?  
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31 **RESOLUTIONS**  
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33 A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo to approve Resolution 05-155, 05-157 through  
34 05-159, seconded by Councilman Ryan.

35 Roll call vote: Councilpersons Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo voted yes,  
36 resolutions approved. Councilman LaBianco voted no. Resolutions approved.  
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38 Councilman Ryan inquired what the \$30,000 was for in the Bid Proposal for the Cellular  
39 Antenna on the Fire House. The Borough Administrator explained; it was the minimum  
40 amount the Borough was hoping to receive on the yearly lease.  
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42 A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica to approve Resolution 0-156 seconded  
43 by Councilwoman Heveran. Roll call vote: Councilpersons Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani,  
44 LaBianco and Ryan voted yes. Councilman Puzzo abstained. Resolution 05-156  
45 approved.  
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**Resolution 05-160-** Councilman Puzzo made a motion to amend Resolution 05-160 to remove the \$16,666 for Mr. Peter Till Esq., seconded by Councilman LaBianco. Roll call vote on the amendment; Councilpersons Dwarica, Mitrani and Ryan voted no; Councilpersons Heveran, LaBianco and Puzzo voted yes. Mayor Cherchi voted yes to break the tie. Motion carried.

Councilman Puzzo, seconded by Councilwoman Dwarica made a motion to approve Resolution 05-160 as amended. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Dwarica, LaBianco, Mitrani, Ryan and Puzzo voted yes Councilwoman Heveran voted no. Resolution 05-160 approved as amended.

**Resolution 05-161-** Councilwoman Dwarica, seconded by Councilman Ryan made a motion to approve Resolution 05-161. The Council held a discussion. Councilman Puzzo made a motion to amend Resolution 05-161, by removing the \$16,666 for Mr. Peter Till, Esq., seconded by Councilman LaBianco. Roll call vote on the amended Resolution; Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, LaBianco, Mitrani, Puzzo, Ryan yes. Resolution 05-161 amended.

Councilwoman Dwarica, seconded by Councilman Ryan made a motion to approve as amended Resolution 05-161. Roll call vote; Councilperson Dwarica, Mitrani, Ryan and Puzzo voted yes, Councilpersons Heveran and LaBianco voted no. Resolution approved as amended.

Mayor Cherchi requested Resolution 05-162 to put the \$16,666 in an Emergency Temporary Appropriation. Councilman Ryan asked to have this held until the June 20<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. All members of the Council agreed.

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Introduction of Ordinance 11:05 entitled:

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 49 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, COUNTY OF BERGEN, ENTITLED “POLICE”**

A motion was made by Councilman Ryan seconded by Councilwoman Dwarica to adopt on first reading Ordinance 11-05.

Roll call vote; Councilpersons Dwarica, Heveran, LaBianco, Mitrani, Ryan and Puzzo voted yes. Ordinance introduced.

Introduction of Ordinance 12-05 entitled

### **ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 46 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH LEONIA ENTITLED “PERSONNEL POLICIES”**

Upon review of the Ordinance Councilman LaBianco made a motion to remove the word “prospective,” seconded by Councilman Puzzo.

93 Roll call vote; Councilpersons Dwarica, Heveran, LaBianco, Mitrani, Ryan and Puzzo  
94 voted yes. Motion approved.

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96 A motion was made by Councilman Ryan seconded by Councilwoman Dwarica to adopt  
97 on first reading Ordinance 12-05.

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99 Roll call vote; Councilpersons Dwarica, Heveran, LaBianco, Mitrani, Ryan and Puzzo  
100 voted yes. Ordinance introduced.

## 101 **NEW BUSINESS**

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104 a. **Compost Facility** Councilman Ryan explained to the Council that he and the  
105 Borough Administrator met regarding the compost facility at the DPW yard.  
106 Councilman Ryan deferred the discussion to the Borough Administrator. The  
107 Borough Administrator explained to the Governing Body, that she has received  
108 inquiries from Teaneck, and Palisades Park and they are interested in utilizing our  
109 facility. The Borough Administrator is going to speak with the Administrator  
110 from Teaneck and see if she can negotiate an agreement with them. The Borough  
111 Administrator will keep everyone apprised of the negotiations.

## 112 **CORRESPONDENCE**

113 Councilwoman Heveran brought to the attention of the Governing Body a letter she  
114 received from a resident who lives on Fairway Terrace. The resident is inquiring about  
115 the right of way on Fairway near Madonna Cemetery. After a discussion by the members  
116 of the Governing Body, Borough Attorney Russo was requested to research the issue.

## 117 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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119 Danielle Competiello 119 Vreeland Avenue – Asked Mayor Cherchi about the procedure  
120 of a Councilperson receives a letter from a resident, can the letter be read in public at a  
121 meeting? Mayor Cherchi stated a Councilperson might bring forward the correspondence  
122 and have it put on the next agenda for action.

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124 Barnett Silverstein – 359 Glenwood Avenue – Brought to the attention of the Governing  
125 Body that an application for a Fire Department Member has the Social Security number  
126 on it. The Social Security number should be redacted.

## 127 **CLOSED SESSION**

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129 Councilwoman Dwarica made a motion to go into closed session seconded by  
130 Councilperson Ryan. Items to be discussed; Police Regulations-Promotional  
131 Procedures; Peacock Litigation and Mitzner Correspondence. All in favor

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133 There being no further business Councilperson Puzzo, made a motion to adjourn the  
134 meeting at 9:50pm, seconded by Councilperson Heveran. All in favor, none opposed  
135 meeting adjourned.

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141     Respectfully submitted,

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144     Fran Lehmann

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